

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 13-18 remain in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-12 have been canceled. Claim 8 was previously canceled.

The Examiner has indicated in his Office Action of September 25, 2006 that claims 13 to 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 13 – 18 have been amended accordingly. The remaining claims in this application are canceled, as noted herein.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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